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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

November 26, 2012

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey

Others present: Kim Dennison and Sharon Rose

Media: Absent

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone

New Business:

- A. Amended Order to Establish Official Early Voting Sites for the General Election Run-off to be held November 27, 2012: Sharon Rose stated that a date was erroneously left off of the original order that was signed establishing the Early Voting Sites. Chairman Brown made a motion to sign the amended order to establish Official Early Voting Sites for the General Run-Off Election to be held November 27, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Order approving Logic & Accuracy Testing for the General Run-Off Election to be held November 27, 2012: Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Certification of Logic & Accuracy Testing Results for the General Run-Off Election to be held November 27, 2012, motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Certify the Abstract of Ballots Cast at the General Election held on November 6, 2012 for the Secretary of State Elections Division: Chairman Brown stated that the commissioners are required to certify the Abstract of Ballots Cast for the 2012 General Election held on November 6, 2012. Commissioner Anzalone stated that he was surprised at the number of under votes from the November 6, 2012 election. After reviewing the Abstract of Ballots Cast, Chairman Brown made a motion to sign the Abstract of Ballots Casts for the Secretary of State Elections Division, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business:

Commissioner Tumey asked Chairman Brown about the budget for 2013 and the remainder of the funds from 2012. Chairman Brown stated that the Election Commission asks for monies by line item and if the funds are not spent by the end of the year, all overages are returned to the General Fund. Commissioner Tumey did not agree that monies from the 2012 budget be returned to the County General Fund, but should be returned to the Election Commission. Commissioner Tumey stated that the commission goes through the

budget by line item to indicate the needs of the commission, and she feels that the decisions made are for the Election Commission to make and not be decided by the Quorum Court.

Public Comment:

None

Announcements:

Chairman Brown announced that the next Election Commission meeting will be held on December 7, 2012 to certify the General Run-Off Election held on November 27, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim to request a written explanation from ES&S as to why the three (3) 650 machines would not work correctly at the November 6, 2012 election. Kim responded that she thought the 19" ballots caused the problem. Commissioner Tumey stated that those ballots were purchased from ES&S and she needed to have a written explanation as to why the 650 machines did not work properly. Kim stated that she would contact ES&S and request a written explanation. Commissioner Tumey stated that ES&S has a monopoly on the equipment for the elections and they do not have any idea as to what caused the problem on November 6, 2012. Kim stated that ES&S indicated that the problem was with the ballots that were printed from the Ballot On Demand printer, however, Kim stated that the problems were not specific to just those ballots. Commissioner Tumey agreed and stated that when the ballots were processed in Washington County, the same problems occurred. Commissioner Tumey stated that there needs to be an explanation given as to why the 650 machines did not work correctly. Commissioner Tumey stated that there needs to be acknowledgement that; (a) the 650 will not support a 19" paper ballot and/or; (b) the folds in the paper ballots caused an issue with the sensors. Commissioner Tumey continued by saying that from that point, the commission could make an educated decision on how to fix the problem. Commissioner Tumey stated again that ES&S has a voting monopoly in Benton County and the state.

Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Tumey how many states stopped using the Ivotronics. Commissioner Tumey responded, twenty-six (26) since 2009.

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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